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Shipping Weight and Value; Customs District and Continent



This report presents statistics on U.S. exports and imports by air in U.S. customs district by continent arrangement. Data have been compiled from Shipper's Export Declarations (Commerce Form 7525-V) and import entries during the regular processing of statistical data on foreign trade shipments. The customs districts shown in this report are those having combined exports and imports by air valued at \$1.5 million or more during the preceding calendar year. A complete list of customs districts and ports is presented in Schedule D, Classification of U.S. Customs Districts and Ports for U.S. Foreign Trade Statistics, January 1, 1972 edition, as amended.

Exports

These statistics represent exports of domestic and foreign merchandise combined and include government and nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from the United States to foreign countries. The statistics, therefore, include Department of Defense Military Assistance Program-Grant-Aid shipments, shipments for economic assistance under the Foreign Assistance Act, and shipments of agricultural commodities under P.L. 480 (The Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended) and related laws. Shipments to U.S. Armed Forces and diplomatic missions abroad for their own use are not included in the export statistics. U.S. trade with Puerto Rico and U.S. possessions and trade between U.S. possessions are not included in this report, but exports from Puerto Rico to foreign countries are included as a part of the U.S. export statistics. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such with U.S. Customs, is excluded. (Foreign merchandise that has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently reexported is not treated as in-transit merchandise, and is included

in this report.) The figures in this report exclude exports of household and personal effects, shipments by mail and parcel post, and shipments of airplanes under their own power.

For security reasons, certain commodities are designated as Special Category commodities, for which security regulations place restrictions upon the export information that may be released. The data shown in this report for individual customs districts and continents exclude exports of Special Category commodities, but overall shipping weight and value totals for Special Category commodities are shown. A list of Special Category commodities may be obtained from the Bureau of the Census.

The statistics on exports of domestic and foreign merchandise to countries other than Canada reflect fully compiled data for shipments valued \$500 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued \$251-\$499, based on a 50-percent probability sample of such shipments. For exports to Canada the statistics reflect fully compiled data for shipments valued \$2,000 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued \$251-\$1,999, based on a 10-percent probability sample of such shipments. Shipping weight and value data are also estimated for shipments valued under \$251. These estimates are not included in the data shown for individual customs districts.

Since the export figures shown include estimates based on a sample of low-valued shipments, they are subject to some degree of sampling variability. The table on the following page provides a rough guide to the general level of sampling variability of value totals, on a 2 chances out of 3 basis. Usually, the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors.

Value totals for "Total" and "North America" of:	Proportion of cells with sampling variability of:			
	under 2%	under 5%	under 10%	under 20%
\$1,000,000 and over	.60	.75	.85	1.00
\$500,000-\$1,000,000	.20	1.00		
\$100,000-\$500,000	.30	.45	.70	1.00
\$20,000-\$100,000		.35	.70	1.00
Cells of under \$20,000	Are likely to have sampling variability from \$3,000 to \$15,000			

Value totals for continents of South America, Europe, Asia, Australia and Oceania, and Africa of:	Are likely to have sampling variability of:
\$300,000 and over	Less than 2%
\$100,000-\$300,000	Less than 5% with over half of the totals less than 2%
\$20,000-\$100,000	Generally less than 10% with over half of the totals less than 5%
Under \$20,000	Generally \$500 to \$5,000
Cells of \$0	Generally less than \$500

The sampling variability of shipping weight figures, in percentage terms, can be approximated by the percent sampling variability of value.

Imports

These statistics represent general imports, which are a combination of imports for immediate consumption and entries into bonded warehouses. The statistics include government as well as nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from foreign countries to the United States. However, American goods returned by the U.S. Armed Forces for their own use are excluded. U.S. trade with Puerto Rico and with U.S. possessions and trade between U.S. possessions are not included in this report, but imports into Puerto Rico from foreign countries are considered to be U.S. imports and are included. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through U.S. Customs, is not reported as imports and is excluded from the data shown in this report. (Foreign merchandise that has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently reexported is not treated as in-transit merchandise and is included in this report.) Imports of household and personal effects, imports by mail and parcel post, and imports of airplanes under their own power are not included.

The statistics shown for individual customs districts represent fully compiled data for shipments valued \$251 and over. Data for shipments valued under \$251, reported on formal and informal entries (informal entries generally contain items valued under \$251), are estimated from a 5-percent sample for 1973. Separate shipping weight and value estimates for shipments valued under \$251 are shown. The shipping weight data are estimated from the values on the basis of constants that have been derived from an observation of the value-weight relationships in past periods.

Since the statistics showing total value of imports by all carriers include sample estimates, they are subject to sampling variability. In general, the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors. Value totals of \$500,000 and over will generally have a sampling variability of less than 3 percent; value totals of under \$500,000 will generally have a sampling variability of less than \$50,000.

Table 1. Selected Customs Districts of Lading by Continent

(Data shown represent domestic and foreign merchandise. Shipments of Special Category commodities, Shipments of all district and continental data. Estimated shipments valued under \$251 are excluded from all district data and data for U.S. flag carriers)

Customs district	Shipping weight (1,000 pounds)										Value (1,000 dollars)					
	Total		All U.S. flag carriers		North America		Europe		Asia and Oceania		Total		U.S. flag carriers		North America	
	All carriers	(X)	All carriers	(X)	U.S.	South America	Europe	Asia	Africa	Oceania	All carriers	(X)	U.S.	Europe	South America	Asia
Total, all carriers....	134,918		26,976	1,948	63,047	23,643	3,394	2,330	1,016	3,930	113,441	72,861	510,544	225,446	27,912	23,284
U.S. flag carriers....	2,970	1,301	508	2	2,347	34	55	24	30,349	12,347	3,270	44	135	493	59	7,233
Boston, Mass.	17	15	2	15	-	-	138	136	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bridgeport, Conn.	26	26	-	-	(2)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ogdensburg, N.Y.	748	747	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Buffalo, N.Y.	57,478	19,306	5,645	40,170	8,250	578	1,359	5,371	5,523	5,537	79	19	-	-	-	-
New York City, N.Y.	1,778	1,342	221	916	527	70	33	11	10,299	6,551	1,711	2,276	3,587	599	12	112
Philadelphia, Pa.	1,40	40	32	-	9	-	-	-	1,22	75	-	-	-	-	-	-
Baltimore, Md.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Washington, N.C.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Charleston, S.C.	19	18	-	-	(2)	4	-	-	156	156	-	-	-	-	-	-
Charlottesville, Ga.	318	310	99	1	213	4	-	(2)	888	765	217	55	695	54	-	8
Tampa, Fla.	69	9	59	9	-	-	-	-	213	213	6	130	6	16	-	-
Mobile, Ala.	29	29	-	3	27	-	-	-	203	203	-	-	32	171	-	-
New Orleans, La.	163	156	574	40	-	(2)	-	-	1,068	533	1,522	184	-	-	-	-
Lake City, Fla.	146	143	156	1	-	-	-	-	624	624	1,169	16	-	-	-	-
El Paso, Tex.	156	156	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,172	1,172	-	-	-	-	-	-
Southern Ariz.	9	1	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Los Angeles, Calif.	3,030	650	302	2,214	4,770	60	127	772	34,487	34,487	515	515	31,487	5,644	6,709	1,145
Portland, Ore.	5,634	2,000	2,223	4,144	5,922	900	8	35,273	35,273	3,850	918	-	-	-	-	-
Portland, Ore.	1,270	369	466	217	3,710	46	2,722	2,217	83	1,943	1,943	1,943	54,550	11,170	200	-
Seattle, Wash.	1,164	825	269	(2)	362	496	13	12,111	8,765	2,135	5	3,784	5,457	21	689	-
Anchorage, Alaska.	229	147	-	-	302	-	-	-	834	834	-	-	35	799	927	-
Honolulu, Hawaii.	398	176	5	27	281	122	-	-	2,317	978	140	-	452	799	927	-
Great Falls, Mont.	33	33	33	-	10	-	-	-	346	346	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pembina, N. Dak.	6	6	-	-	106	-	-	-	104	104	-	-	-	-	-	-
Minneapolis, Minn.	250	249	134	-	-	(2)	2,969	2,566	967	-	-	-	158	1,338	-	5
Detroit, Mich.	3,682	3,225	1,217	55	2,263	55	48	14,233	3,752	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chicago, Ill.	12,671	6,604	3,558	3	7,100	1,890	124	195	84,576	43,612	23,450	30	43,982	14,770	411	1,954
Cleveland, Ohio.	1,540	109	318	-	1,109	112	2	6,709	2,406	1,550	-	4,584	570	(2)	5	
St. Louis, Mo.	61	57	6	45	2	-	-	1,191	1,135	49	-	1,092	24	-	26	
San Juan, P.R.	876	433	768	9	-	-	-	2,931	1,603	1,820	475	606	-	-	30	
Miami, Fla.	15,637	6,043	7,723	7,569	246	41	57	51,432	19,144	20,945	26,616	3,445	343	10	74	
Houston, Tex.	2,259	924	1,093	373	332	4	123	13,258	3,963	3,755	3,634	2,450	2,612	22	766	
Washington, D.C.	685	96	6	77	583	13	5	13,967	3,010	20	946	12,744	211	12	34	
All other districts.	34	19	NA	16	1,205	4,600	5	387	32,199	349	133	2,355	11,463	5,792	488	-
Shipments under \$501.	15,176	5,416	(D)	6,741	4,600	(D)	0	13,103	6,969	(D)	0	11,463	5,792	(D)	1,375	X Not applicable.
Special Category.	991	538	(D)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Z Less

- Represents zero.

** Represents less than 500 pounds or \$500.

X Not available.

Y Not available.

Z Less

Table 2. Selected Customs Districts of Unloading by Continent

(Estimated shipments valued under \$25 are excluded from all district data and data for U.S. flag carriers. Total columns include a small amount of shipments which are unidentified by continent)

Customs district	Shipping weight (1,000 pounds)										Value (1,000 dollars)											
	Total		U.S. All carriers		U.S. Non America		South America		Asia		Australia and Oceania		North America		South America		Europe		Asia		Australia and Oceania	
	Total	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers	Non U.S. carriers	U.S. flag carriers	Non U.S. carriers	U.S. flag carriers	Non U.S. carriers	U.S. flag carriers	Non U.S. carriers	U.S. flag carriers	Non U.S. carriers	U.S. flag carriers	Non U.S. carriers	U.S. flag carriers	Non U.S. carriers	U.S. flag carriers	Non U.S. carriers	U.S. flag carriers	Non U.S. carriers		
Total, All carriers...	96,501	(X)	9,380	11,066	44,618	24,929	403	343	675,138	(X)	58,611	28,705	363,432	290,657	3,365	20,255	162,669	105,917	1,818	1,972		
U.S. flag carriers...		(X)	41,112	3,887	4,333	19,255	13,372	199	64	(X)	316,714	31,331	12,978	15,759	835	11	—	—	—	—		
Boston, Mass.	3,030	945	142	64	2,746	74	1	3	19,351	7,249	1,471	213	1,457	1,161	3	26	—	—	—	—		
Bridgeport, Conn.	2	1	(2)	1	(2)	1	(2)	—	41	7,25	21	1,457	1,161	3	—	—	—	—	—	—		
Ogdensburg, N.Y.	335	310	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,21	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
Buffalo, N.Y.	1,916	1,394	—	—	3,486	2,975	8,311	108	242	384,639	7,653	1,485	5,600	1,153	—	—	894	15,565	—	—		
New York City, N.Y.	1,848	1,314	—	—	774	917	101	2	11,688	6,684	769	3,201	6,977	5,300	12	208	—	—	—	—		
Philadelphia, Pa.	134	129	6	(2)	125	43	—	—	1,002	945	84	10	823	85	—	—	—	—	—	—		
Baltimore, Md.	167	165	(2)	—	—	—	—	—	1,284	1,254	23	—	1,127	135	—	—	—	—	—	—		
Washington, D.C.	5	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
Charleston, S.C.	46	14	—	—	29	4	—	—	—	3,100	3,039	55	—	3,133	4	—	—	—	—	—		
Savannah, Ga.	52	3	45	—	7	—	(2)	—	—	156	6	127	—	26	—	—	3	—	—	—		
Tampa, Fla.	5	5	(2)	—	—	4	(2)	—	—	—	25	1	3	21	—	16	—	—	—	—		
Nashville, Tenn.	202	73	—	—	194	1	7	(2)	—	401	203	55	98	—	1	—	—	—	—	—		
New Orleans, La.	124	94	121	—	3	(2)	—	—	—	582	138	452	—	103	7	—	—	—	—	—		
Laredo, Tex.	31	22	24	1	6	—	—	—	—	525	492	2	428	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
El Paso, Tex.	17	7	17	—	—	—	—	—	—	219	118	219	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
Nogales, Ariz.	7,072	2,788	415	118	1,179	5,264	89	—	81,927	38,881	6,998	535	28,191	45,404	1,019	2,480	—	—	—	—		
Los Angeles, Calif.	5,984	3,974	73	18	235	5,553	82	2	76,924	44,893	1,847	116	3,068	70,725	1,069	14	—	—	—	—		
Panama City, Fla.	5	5	2	2	1	—	(2)	—	—	18,040	15,355	2,874	2,34	1,245	13,804	2	23	—	—	—		
Portland, Ore.	2,717	2,469	99	(2)	18,3	2,442	(2)	2	18,049	15,303	2,871	1	1,245	13,804	2	—	—	—	—	—		
Seattle, Wash.	85	56	33	—	7	45	—	—	—	363	160	46	—	157	1,600	—	—	—	—	—		
Anchorage, Alaska.	618	237	13	3	37	506	59	—	—	7,105	1,145	6	844	5,988	236	—	—	—	—	—		
Honolulu, Hawaii.	6	6	5	6	—	—	(2)	—	—	—	219	216	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—		
Great Falls, Mont.	26	25	26	—	—	—	(2)	—	—	—	219	216	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—		
Great Falls, Mont.	142	136	11	(2)	30	102	(2)	—	—	—	219	247	8	569	861	19	—	—	—	—		
Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn.	3,857	3,443	360	—	3,451	222	23	(2)	8,516	6,680	1,256	—	7,928	1,651	98	(72)	—	—	—	—		
Detroit, Mich.	4,183	2,913	529	1	3,433	772	4	(2)	3,451	14,869	1,365	3	26,141	4,903	13	560	—	—	—	—		
Chicago, Ill.	1,135	1,060	54	54	665	53	53	(2)	1,758	1,453	1,372	2,352	1,453	4	2	5	—	—	—	—		
St. Louis, Mo.	1,768	717	1,084	—	537	1,339	8	(2)	2,588	2,886	1,052	1,571	578	27	4	—	—	—	—	—		
San Juan, P.R.	8,931	2,677	3,051	5,413	418	46	(2)	3	22,490	9,854	10,376	7,171	4,549	344	1	49	—	—	—	—		
Honolulu, Hawaii.	753	2,469	778	460	40	227	36	(2)	—	8,810	8,866	2	11,367	3,767	519	—	—	—	—	—		
Washington, D.C.	848	778	801	4	—	—	—	—	—	11,232	10,462	2	10,328	5,911	2	772	—	—	—	—		
All other districts....	88	29	52	—	261	10	—	—	—	366	111	161	10,462	3,371	57	—	—	—	—	—		
Shipments under \$25,000....	5,031	(54)	747	210	2,683	1,263	34	—	—	6,138	(34)	910	256	3,271	1,530	42	45	—	—	—	—	

X Not applicable.

Z Less than \$100 pounds or \$500.

* Represents zero.